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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**AB 1453 (Soto)**, as amended on June 6, 2007, would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with public and private stakeholders to develop a plan to transform California's group home system for foster youth and children with serious emotional disorders (SED) into a residentially based services system.

Currently, group homes are the placement of last resort for thousands of severely troubled children and foster youth, and are not designed to achieve specific outcomes. AB 1453 cites legislative intent to require CDSS to develop a plan to transform the State's current group home system and allow counties to enter into agreements with private non-profit agencies to provide residentially based services. As defined in AB 1453, residentially based services would:

- 1) provide children and youth a safe, stable and structured living situation that would reduce the intensity of conditions that led to placement;
- 2) provide treatment and supportive services to facilitate the rapid return of children and youth to their homes, schools and communities;
- 3) provide pre-discharge services to help family members and caregivers prepare for the release of children and youth; and,

- 4) provide post-discharge treatment and support services to ensure successful outcomes for children and youth returning to their homes, schools and communities.

The bill would allow counties operating under the Title IV-E waiver and two other counties to enter into voluntary agreements with non-profit agencies to develop and test alternative program designs and funding models for residentially based services, with the approval of CDSS. Upon the request of a county, CDSS may waive child welfare services regulations to allow a county to enter into agreements with non-profit agencies and approve alternative funding models which:

- 1) support the goals of residentially based services including active child and family involvement, permanence, collaborative decision making, and outcome measurement;
- 2) ensure that the services are delivered at a reasonable cost to the public;
- 3) ensure that payment levels are sufficient to permit the private non-profit operating residentially based services programs to provide care and supervision, social work activities, pre-discharge and post-discharge support services for children and families;
- 4) facilitate compliance with State and federal performance objectives;
- 5) control overall program costs by providing incentives to private non-profits to use the most cost-effective approaches for achieving positive outcomes;
- 6) facilitate the ability of private non-profits to access other public funding sources;
- 7) enable the combination of funding streams necessary to meet the full range of services needed;
- 8) maximize federal financial participation, and
- 9) provide administrative oversight and enforcement to ensure fiscal accountability.

AB 1453 specifies that the State-approved waiver or alternative funding model not result in increased costs to the State General Fund over the term of the agreement. The bill would permit higher payments to be made when children and youth are initially placed in a residentially based services program. It is assumed that higher costs would be offset by savings achieved through shorter lengths of stay in foster care or in a reduction of re-entries into foster care as a result of providing pre- and post-discharge services.

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) notes that AB 1453 would change the function of group homes from a placement of last resort to one that would provide short-term interventions designed to return foster youth and SED children to their own

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homes or to permanent placement in stable family settings as soon as practically possible. The bill would also support the goals of the federal Title IV-E waiver by providing the County with the flexibility to test alternative strategies to reduce group home placements and reduce re-entries to foster care. For these reasons, DCFS recommends that the County support AB 1453, and we concur. Consistent with existing Board policy to support proposals which allow flexibility in the use of funds to provide services to families and caregivers to strengthen their parenting abilities, prevent the need for placement and shorten the length of stay in placement, and improve outcomes for children and youth, **our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1453.**

AB 1453 is sponsored by the California Alliance of Child and Family and supported by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the County of San Bernardino. There is no registered opposition to this bill.

The bill passed the Assembly on June 7, 2006, by a vote of 70 to 8, and is currently in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting assignment to a policy committee.

**AB 1010 (Hernandez)**, as amended on April 26, 2007, would extend the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (Authority) from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act establishes the Authority, and requires it to develop and adopt a basin wide groundwater quality management and remediation plan. The Authority currently works to leverage funds and provide incentives for groundwater cleanup activities. Current law repeals the Act on July 1, 2010. AB 1010 would extend the time period in which the Authority can continue to leverage funding and provide incentives for groundwater cleanup.

AB 1010 also would require: 1) the Authority to provide quarterly updates on the management and remediation plan beginning on April 1, 2008; 2) the Authority to submit status reports every six months beginning March 31, 2008 on plan activities to the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB) and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; and 3) the WRCB, in consultation with the regional board, to provide a report on the Authority's progress. A biennial report would be produced thereafter.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that AB 1010 may enhance the local sustainable water supply by adding groundwater storage capacity through clean up of the groundwater aquifer. DPW is actively involved in groundwater recharge. Cleanup of the aquifer may enhance future water conservation opportunities. DPW recommends that the County support AB 1010 because of its benefit to the region, and we concur.

Support for AB 1010 is consistent with existing policy to support proposals which would improve the reliability, quality, and security of water supplies for Los Angeles County. Therefore, **our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1010.** AB 1010 is sponsored by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and supported by the San Gabriel Valley

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Water Association. We are not aware of any opposition to the bill. This measure passed the Assembly Floor on June 4, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and is currently at the Senate Desk awaiting referral to a policy committee.

**AB 1114 (Eng)**, as introduced on February 23, 2007, would create the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund (Fund) in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), funding is deposited for allocation to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (Authority) for projects that address groundwater contamination in the basin. The Secretary for CalEPA would serve as the Fund custodian and funds allocated to the Authority would be available without regard to fiscal years for projects located within the boundaries of the Authority.

AB 1114 provides that funds are available for any costs associated with carrying out an eligible project, including, but not limited to the identification, design, construction, or operation of facilities necessary for the extraction and treatment of contaminated groundwater. To receive funding, a project must meet one or more of the following qualifications: 1) one or more of the parties responsible for contamination cannot be identified; 2) contamination will be remediated either concurrently with, or in advance of, the identification of responsible parties and apportionment of costs; or 3) the financial settlement entered into with responsible parties is not sufficient to cover the full costs of groundwater cleanup and remediation for beneficial use.

Currently, the Authority has the power to coordinate groundwater remediation planning and implementation activities, control and remove hazardous substances from the basin, construct, operate and maintain water treatment facilities that benefit the basin, and receive and expend funds obtained from various sources, including federal, State, or local governments. The Authority also has the ability to levy an annual pumping right assessment, not to exceed \$10, for specified purposes, including constructing facilities, acquiring property, retiring debt, and administrative costs.

AB 1114 is sponsored by the Authority to increase its profile to secure funding to address the contamination of the San Gabriel Basin's groundwater by responsible parties, both identified and unidentified, that have failed to provide financial resources to clean up their releases of hazardous materials and hazardous waste over several decades. By creating the fund and by specifying the process by which funds would be made available to the Authority and to provide matching funds for Federal assistance, this bill is intended to set the stage for future appropriations from the State General Fund or bond proceeds to the Authority.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that AB 1114, like AB 1010, may enhance the local sustainable water supply by providing additional groundwater storage capacity by cleaning up the groundwater aquifer. DPW recommends that the County support AB 1114 because of its benefit to the region, and we concur.

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Support for AB 1114 is consistent with existing policy to support proposals which would improve the reliability, quality, and security of water supplies for Los Angeles County. Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1114. AB 1010 is sponsored by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and supported by the San Gabriel Valley Water Association. We are not aware of any opposition to the bill. This measure was placed on the Assembly Appropriation Committee's suspense file on May 31, 2007.

**Master Bill List**

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County advocacy position is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Legislative Strategist  
Local 660  
Coalition of County Unions  
California Contract Cities Association  
Independent Cities Association  
League of California Cities  
City Managers Associations  
Buddy Program Participants

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
**STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY**  
**2007-08 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 29	Hancock	Support if Amended as indicated in State Update (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 49	Arambula	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would add the extreme cold temperatures that occurred during the month of January 2007, to the list of natural disasters eligible for full reimbursement of local agency costs under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act. Additionally, this bill would authorize the State Department of Finance to transfer funds to the California Small Business Expansion fund to make loan guarantees to businesses in areas affected by this natural disaster. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 70	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to narrow the circumstances which would subject local governments to joint liability with the State with respect to failed flood control projects.	Senate Desk

PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was limited to apply only to flood control projects within the Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds.

INITIALLY: Would have decreased the State's liability by requiring any local public entity to compensate the State for actions contributing, or whose failure to act contributes, to the failure of a flood control project when that failure causes property damage or personal injury and a judgment has been entered against the State. The bill would have subjected a local public entity to joint liability and the State's right of compensation to the extent that the local public entity increased the amount of property damage sustained in a flood by approving new development in a previously undeveloped area, defined as open space land or land devoted to agricultural use.

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AB 81	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 6/6/07)	NOW: Still does the same but was recently amended to delete the \$5 million appropriation to conduct a statewide campaign to publicize the existence of safe surrender sites.	Senate Desk
		Oppose Unless Amended to delete language that increases the safe surrender time frame from 72 hours to 30 days (State Update: 3/6/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) extended the timeframe to safely surrender a newborn from 72-hours to 30 days; 2) allowed cities to designate fire departments as safe surrender sites as long as they have consulted with county boards of supervisors and child welfare agencies; and 3) provided \$5 million to the California Department of Social Services to conduct a statewide awareness campaign to publicize the safe surrender program and establish a toll-free telephone number to provide information regarding safe surrender sites.	Senate Desk
AB 97	Mendoza	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would limit the use of trans fat by retail food facilities. It would require every food facility to maintain on their premises the labeling information for any food or additive used that includes any fat, oil, or shortening. Effective July 1, 2009, it would prohibit the storage, distribution, serving, or use of any oil, shortening or margarine that contains artificial trans fat, except for the deep frying of yeast dough and cake batter. Beginning July 1, 2010, the use of artificial trans fat for deep frying yeast dough and cake batter also would be prohibited. These restrictions would not apply to food sold in a manufacturer's original, sealed package.	Senate Desk
AB 98	Niello	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the State to pay 50 percent of the wage subsidies for CalWORKs participants engaged in subsidized private or public sector employment, subject to the following restrictions: the State's share of a wage subsidy would not exceed 50 percent of the Maximum Aid Payment for the assistance unit which includes the adult receiving the wage subsidy; and State participation would be limited to county programs that provide a maximum of six months of wage subsidies for each participant.	Senate Desk
AB 119	Price	Support (State Update: 3/1/07)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2007, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States Senate or Representative in Congress. If an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the State would pay only the additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor. Urgency measure.	Senate Desk

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AB 166	Bass	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would add provisions to the Labor Code that would expand the presumption of job-related injury for public safety employees to include contracting methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) skin infections.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 184	Bass	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would appropriate \$3 million from the State General Fund to provide Independent Living Program (ILP) services to qualified former foster youth who are: placed with a non-related legal guardian if the child is receiving permanent placement services; placed as wards with a non-related legal guardian who receives AFDC-FC benefits and case management services; or adopted at 14 years of age or older.	Senate Desk
AB 190	Bass	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish a new child welfare budget methodology to implement the caseload relief recommendations of the SB 2030 Child Welfare Workload Study. Also requires counties to develop a plan, in consultation with parents of children receiving child welfare services, consumers, child advocacy organizations and social worker organizations, for the use of additional funds to provide social workers with additional time or support to enhance casework outcomes for children and families.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 223	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow those serving in the military, who are called to active duty in the United States on short notice, to be able to cast an absentee/provisional/or faxed ballot allowing those voters to be made a part of the official canvass.	Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Senate Judiciary
AB 298	Maze	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would facilitate permanency for children placed under legal guardianship with a relative caregiver by: 1) specifying that a relative caregiver's preference for legal guardianship over adoption may not constitute a basis for removing the child from relative caretaker for an adoptive placement; 2) making placement with a relative caregiver as the legal guardian the second option in the order of preference for courts considering child placement; and 3) requiring courts, prior to termination of a legal guardianship, to order the child welfare agency to evaluate whether the child can safely remain or be returned to the guardian's home and if appropriate, offer reunification or family maintenance services to maintain the legal guardianship.	

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AB 308	Galgiani	Support (State Update: 4/13/07)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services, to adopt regulations to provide prompt reimbursement to counties for the provision of services provided under the Federally-mandated Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. This bill would appropriate \$243 million to reimburse counties for unpaid EPSDT claims for FY 2003-04, FY 2004-05, and FY 2006-07.	Senate Desk
AB 335	De Leon	Support (State Update: 3/30/07)	Would allow victims of domestic violence requesting CalWORKs Homeless Assistance to provide a sworn statement in lieu of third-party documentation to verify that homelessness is directly related to domestic violence.	Senate Desk
AB 340	Hancock	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish the Unified Resources Families Assessment Pilot Project in five volunteer counties selected by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The pilot project would merge multiple, duplicative processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families and adoptive parents who care for abused and neglected children.	Senate Desk
AB 419	Lieber	Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	Would authorize additional safety employees to receive up to a one year leave of absence with full pay for job related injuries under Labor Code Section 4850.	Senate Desk
AB 503	Hernandez	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to make the issue a subject of study.	Senate Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required public agencies to provide an eight hour written notice to employees prior to working overtime.	
AB 596	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the provisions of the 1937 County Retirement Law to classify physicians working in a county jail or county mental health facility, in Alameda or Los Angeles Counties, as safety members without the need for county board of supervisors' action.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

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AB 644	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	NOW: Was amended to place limits on a physician conducting an evaluation of the treatment of services requested for a client injured during work related activities by requiring the reviewing physician to hold an identical type of license to that of the prescribing doctor.	Assembly Insurance
		Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Labor Code to require that physicians performing utilization review of the medical treatment on a workers' compensation case have an "intimate knowledge" of the issues presented for review. Further, it would have required the reviewing physician to look at the treatment requested by the treating physician and not the specialty of practice.	Senate Desk
AB 671	Beall	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would require the State Personnel Board to establish an Emancipated Foster Youth Program to provide state employment opportunities for qualified foster youth or former foster youth.	Senate Desk
AB 713	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would cite legislative intent to provide enhanced services and financial support to assist youth between the ages of 18 and 21 years to successfully emancipate from foster care. This is a two-year bill.	Assembly Desk
AB 714	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would allow disclosure of birth family records for previously adopted children who return to foster care.	Senate Appropriations
AB 752	Dymally	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would establish a mechanism to distribute stabilization funds among the public hospital system in years three through five of the Hospital Financing Waiver.	Senate Desk
AB 800	Lieu, Brownley, and Krekorian	County-sponsored	Would: 1) amend the Water Code to include a requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill; and 2) permit civil fines to be imposed on persons who do not immediately notify the local public health officer when a sewage spill occurs.	Senate Desk
AB 820	Karnette	Support (Board Action: 5/22/07)	Would prohibit, starting January 1, 2009, all State facilities from selling, possessing or distributing expanded polystyrene (EPS) food containers, with the following conditions: 1) applies to campus facilities on the University of California only if the UC Regents approve the ban; and 2) applies to facilities of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health, unless those departments' respective directors determine use of expanded polystyrene food containers is the only alternative that would not present a danger to person in their facilities.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 845	Bass	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would appropriate \$10.525 million in FY 2006-07 to fully fund the Transitional Housing Program Plus in FY 2006-07, which would provide services for approximately 500 more former foster youth statewide.	Senate Appropriations
AB 904	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would phase out the use of food packaging that cannot be recycled or composted in communities where it is distributed.	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1062	Ma	County-sponsored	Would enhance the CalWORKs Homeless and Housing Assistance Program by creating a time-limited rental subsidy for certain qualified CalWORKs families.	Senate Desk
AB 1073	Nava	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the Labor Code to expand the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy treatment sessions available to workers for industrial injuries. It would also limit the reviews of treatment utilization to physicians licensed in California.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1207	Smyth	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would: 1) require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to develop regulations for the land application of biosolids by July 1, 2009; 2) require the standards to be uniform statewide; 3) prohibit a local governmental entity from enacting any ordinance or regulation that is contrary or inconsistent to the CIWMB's regulations on the land application of biosolids; and 4) void any existing or future local ordinance or regulation that contradicts the CIWMB's regulations regarding the composting and disposal of biosolids.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1231	Garcia	Support if Amended as indicated in State Update (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1233	Galgiani	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require the State Librarian to establish and maintain an online homework assistance program through State Public Libraries. It would also mandate that the online homework assistance program be offered free of charge to all students in the State, and subject to appropriation of funds in the Budget Act, would grant \$3 million annually to the State library for program implementation.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 1382	Leno	Support (State Update: 5/10/07)	Would eliminate the statutory requirement that adult household members must be fingerprinted through the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) as a condition of eligibility for Food Stamp Only benefits. This bill would retain the current statutory requirement that adult household members applying for CalWORKs or General Relief with food stamps be fingerprinted as a condition of eligibility.	Senate Desk
AB 1391	Brownley	No Position	NOW: Still addresses water quality issues but the County-sponsored provisions were transferred to AB 800 (Lieu).	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
		County-sponsored	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) amended the Water Code to include a requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill; 2) permitted civil fines to be imposed on persons who do not immediately notify the local public health officer when a sewage spill occurs; and 3) required that at least one of the Water Board's seven membership categories include someone with a public health background.	
AB 1481	De La Torre, Krekorian	Support and Amend to clarify that the general discharge permit would apply to any irrigation uses for which the State Department of Public Health has or will set recycling criteria (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), on or before July 31, 2009, to establish general discharge permits for landscape irrigation projects utilizing recycled water for which the State Department of Public Health has set recycling criteria, and would authorize the WRCB to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to reimburse the WRCB for the costs it incurs in adopting and administering the general permit. The bill would also require the WRCB to designate an ombudsman to coordinate and facilitate communication on recycled water, and on the issuance of specified water reclamation requirements, and to assist in the implementation of the general permit program established by the bill.	Senate Desk
AJR 20	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would urge the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee's issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.	Senate Desk

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SB 46	Perata	Support and Amend to: 1) remove for profit or nonprofit entities as eligible applicants; 2) use 50 percent of the Area Median Income for the income levels for the affordable units; and 3) require nongovernmental applicants to show support from the local government in which the real property is located (State Update: 5/18/07)	Would provide the statutory framework for the distribution of funds from the \$850 million Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account contained in Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006, which was approved by the voters in November, 2006. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a competitive program to provide capital outlay grants for infill housing development and for related infrastructure that is an integral part of the infill housing development. The bill addresses the: 1) legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; and 3) application review.	Assembly Desk
SB 55	Florez	Oppose Unless Amended to exclude sewage sludge from a POTW that is transferred from the facility for further treatment and disposal by another POTW with a waste discharge requirement issued by the regional boards (State Update: 5/11/07)	Would require publicly owned treatment works (POTW) to submit certification to the regional water quality control board that any sewage sludge transferred from the facility for disposal or further processing meets regional board POTW requirements and standards for pollutants. The bill would require the POTW to submit the certification to any person or facility that accepts sewage sludge from that POTW for disposal or processing, and require the POTW to submit certification to haulers transporting the sewage sludge that it is nonhazardous, including whether the sewage belongs to a particular class, or contains other pathogens.	Senate Appropriations Senate Suspense File
SB 119	Cedillo	Support (State Update: 2/8/07)	Would increase the scope of benefits and reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal to provide access to an appropriate continuum of care for youths from 12 to 20 years of age suffering from substance abuse disorders.	Assembly Health
SB 120	Padilla, Migden	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would require that all chain restaurants in the State with ten or more outlets provide nutrition information on their menus that includes for each menu item the total number of calories, grams of saturated fat, grams of trans fat, and milligrams of sodium. On a menu board, it would only require the total number of calories for each item.	Assembly Health
SB 134	Cedillo	County-sponsored	Would lift the retirement cap for those public safety employees of the Sheriff's Department hired prior to April 1997.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Assembly Judiciary
SB 145	Corbett	Support (State Update: 5/1/07)	Would extend the current June 30, 2007 deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the State Council to December 31, 2008. Urgency measure.	Assembly Judicial

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SB 156	Simitian	Support and Amend as indicated in the summary (Board Action: 3/6/07)	Would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008 and would place it on the 2008 statewide primary ballot. If approved by the voters, it would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4 billion for library construction and renovation. The County is requesting that the bill be amended to: 1) include a deadline for awarding bond funds; 2) develop a streamlined and shorter application process; 3) consider per capita or geographical distribution as a factor in determining awards; 4) allow agencies up to one year to conduct an election if required to obtain matching funds through a local bond measure; and 5) require recipients to take immediate responsibility for project construction and demonstrate that funds are available to operate new facility.	Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations
SB 208	Runner	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would prohibit the State from assessing or collecting licensing fees from any county for the operation of a Stat-licensed correctional treatment center. It also would prohibit the State from shifting the costs of this licensing fee exemption to other licensed health facilities.	Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations
SB 286	Lowenthal, Dutton	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require that the bond funds from Proposition 1B for local streets and roads be allocated by the State Controller in two cycles that cover four years, with the first cycle of payments to be made to eligible local agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and the second round to be made not later than January 1, 2010. At least half of each eligible local agency's total allocation amount must be made during the first cycle and all funds must be spent within three years from the date of allocation. Urgency measure.	Assembly Desk Assembly Desk Assembly Desk Assembly Desk Assembly Desk
SB 297	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize counties to impose a local tax of not more than five percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care.	Senate Governmental Organization Senate Governmental Organization Senate Governmental Organization Senate Governmental Organization Senate Governmental Organization
SB 352	Padilla	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the Labor Code to eliminate current restrictions on chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy visits by law enforcement employees recovering from work related injuries.	Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations
SB 680	Ridley-Thomas	Support (Board Action: 4/17/07)	Would appropriate funds to permanently establish the Special Needs Assistance Program to facilitate the inclusion of children with disabilities and other special needs in State-subsidized child care programs.	Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations Senate Appropriations
SB 720	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 5/7/07)	Would facilitate the joint placement of foster youth teen parents with their children.	Assembly Human Services Assembly Human Services Assembly Human Services Assembly Human Services Assembly Human Services

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SB 767	Ridley-Thomas	County-sponsored	Would provide protection from civil and criminal liability for medical professionals who administer opioid antagonists, in good faith, to someone who is believed to be experiencing a drug overdose and it also would release licensed health care professionals from civil and criminal liability when, if acting with reasonable care, they prescribe, dispense, distribute, or administer an opioid antagonist.	Assembly Desk
SB 776	Vincent	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would allow county child welfare agencies to exchange criminal record clearances when a child in foster care moves with a relative or non-relative extended family caretaker from one county to another.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 856	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow Los Angeles County to install customized street name signs that better portray the city/community in he unincorporated areas of the County.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 893	Cox	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would shift all voter-approved ballot initiative Proposition 10 revenue away from all county First 5 Commissions and direct it to the Statewide California Children and Families Commission to distribute for the purpose of providing health care services to children.	Failed Passage in Senate Health
SB 936	Perata	Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	Would increase the disability benefits paid to employees injured during the course of employment. Payments to those injured after January 1, 2008, would be increased with additional benefit increases for those injured after January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2010.	Assembly Insurance
SB 942	Migden	Oppose (State Update: 3/30/07)	Would establish a rebuttable presumption of employer discrimination if an employee, disabled by an employment related injury or illness, is not reinstated to his or her regular position within one day of release by the treating physician. Further, it would be a misdemeanor for the employer to refuse to reinstate the employee within the one day period.	Assembly Insurance
SB 959	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize a board of supervisors to permit the Sheriff and the Chief Probation Officer to mandate an electronic monitoring sentence, while also keeping the voluntary provision in place.	Assembly Public Safety

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SB 990	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would require as a condition for any sale, lease, or sublease, or transfer of any land presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, also known as Rocketyne, that the Director of Toxic Substances Control certify that the land has undergone complete remediation pursuant to specified protective standards. Further, it would authorize the Department of Toxic Substance Control to compel a responsible party or parties to take or pay for appropriate removal or remediation action necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
SB 1001	Perata	Oppose (State Update: 4/13/07)	Would reduce the membership of regional water quality control boards from nine to five persons and completely restructure the composition of those boards, eliminating the members representing county and municipal government.	Assembly Desk